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Chairmen Doyle and Baram and all Members of the General Law Committee.

My name is Heather Konish. As a sophomore student studying to become a professional interior designer at the University of New Haven, I am here in support of Bill # HB-6404. I am also joined here today by many of my fellow classmates to share with you the passion that we have for our future as professional Interior Designers.

To become a *Professional* Interior Designer, requires a four year university degreed education, two years of verifiable work experience under a NCIDQ certified Interior Designer or Architect and the subsequent passing of the NCIDQ Exam. As a young, emerging Interior Designer this is the career path I have chosen and is the minimum standard for me to become a Registered Interior Designer in the State of CT.

Being able to utilize my Interior Designer Seal will differentiate me from those that do not have the education or minimum qualifications required to practice as a "Registered Interior Designer" and will assure me a competitive edge for employment within this State. The seal will identify and define me as a professional Registered Interior Designer when submitting my drawings to building officials and other allied design professionals. It also opens access for me to work independently to develop new business opportunities and advance my career through professional partnership opportunities within this State.

I ask the General Law Committee to approve this bill so as to further assure, and affirm the educational value and skill set for all Interior design students who are entering the profession of Interior Design as defined and regulated in Statue #20-377

Sincerely,

Heather Konish